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January 31, 1986	

Dr. Nicholas Vaslef Director Radio Liberty, Inc. 1201 Connecticut Avenue, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20036

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I was delighted to see the confirmation of what all of your friends have been hoping for, your official selection as Director. Your new President has clearly started off on the right foot as far as all of us are concerned! Congratulations and best wishes for your continued success in this important endeavor.

I also enclose the refund for the package which I mailed for you.

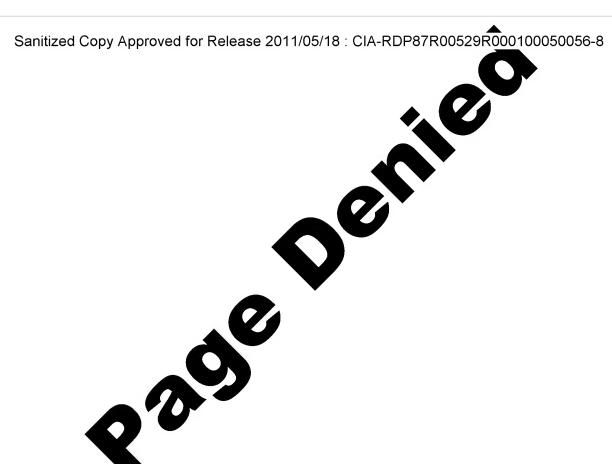
With warm regards to you and Irene

George Kolt

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SUBJECT: CHANGES IN RADIO FREE EUROPE AND

RADIO LIBERTY PERSONNEL

1. RFE/RL PRESIDENT ANNOUNCED JANUARY 20
THAT EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY ACTING DIRECTOR OF
RADIO LIBERTY, DR. NICHOLAS VASLEF, WOULD
BECOME DIRECTOR OF RADIO LIBERTY. GEORGE URBAN,
CURRENTLY DIRECTOR OF RADIO FREE EUROPE, WILL
LEAVE HIS POSITION IN APRIL. IN ADDITION,
MR. WILLIAM MURPHY, DIRECTOR OF RE RESEARCH,
WILL BE LEAVING THE RADIO TO RETURN TO THE
UNITED STATES.

- 2. NO REPLACEMENT FOR URBAN HAS BEEN NAMED AS YET. RADIO LIBERTY DIRECTOR VASLEF TOLD CONGEN OFFICER THAT HE WOULD BEGIN THE SEARCH FOR A NEW DEPUTY DIRECTOR FOR RADIO LIBERTY IN THE COMING DAYS.
- 3. MURPHY'S DEPARTURE FROM RFE APPEARS TO BE LARGELY A PERSONAL DECISION MADE TO PERMIT HIS WIFE TO CONTINUE HER CAREER IN THE STATES.

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